

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 828 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with recognized statewide fire investigation entities, to update and amend on or before January 1, 2009, standards and procedures for accelerant dogs and their handlers.

This bill is unnecessary. CAL FIRE and the State Fire Marshal have existing authority to update their standards and certification requirements as they deem appropriate. Indeed, these standards were updated only five years ago.

Nonetheless, I am directing the State Fire Marshal to review the current standards and, if necessary, work with all interested stakeholders to update and amend them to reflect the latest applicable fire investigative techniques.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger